

Let's Delve Deeper - New books purchased June 2025

Recommended for Novice/Beginners

Beginners' Bridge* *Derrick Browne

There are 6 chapters and each chapter has 4 practice hands included.

Chapter 1: Basics

Chapter 2: Early Bidding

Chapter 3: Game Plan

Chapter 4: Responder Shifts

Chapter 5: Opening 1NT

Chapter 6: Overcalls and Doubles

Recommended for Improvers

Improvers' Play* *Derrick Browne

'Picks up the pace on declarer play and defence with topics including:

Ruffing and discarding losers,

Signals and discards,

Finessing,

Holdup play,

Leads, and

Second and third hand play.

Bridge Secrets* *Julian Pottage

'This book is split into short, concise and easy-to-follow tips that will help to improve all aspects of your game and strategy.'

Step by Step playing Notrump Contracts* *Robert Berthe and Norbert Lebel

'This book is divided into three parts with part one consisting of 49 example deals, ending with a summary of the principle(s) to remember.'

25 Ways to be a Better Defender Barbara Seagram & David Bird

‘Opening Leads, signaling, discarding and second -and third-hand play are covered in this basic guide.’

Recommended for Intermediate

Defensive Signaling at Bridge David Bird

‘This book examines the real purpose of defensive signaling, and the basic kinds of signals available for defenders.’

5 card Major Stayman Ron Klinger

Presents reasons to open 1NT when holding a 5 card major.

Accurate card play Terence Reese & Roger Trezel

Consists of 4 parts:

Elimination Play

When to Duck, When to Win

Blocking and Unblocking Plays

Safety Plays

The Power of Pass Ron Klinger & Harold Schogger

‘This book aims to show you the frequent occasions when passing is the best action to take even when you are tempted to bid.’

Still Not Finding Squeezes? Julian Laderman

‘A structured approach is applied to 39 examples.’

Topics in Declarer Play at Bridge Eddie Kantar

‘Assists you have a clear-cut vision of how to organize the play.’

Two Over One Game Force Joan Butts

‘Straight forward, clearly set out, and covers the latest ideas in the Two Over One Game Force system.’

Recommended for Intermediate/Advanced

Following the Law The sequel to 'To Bid or Not to Bid' Larry Cohen

'This book builds on the basic ideas in his first book by introducing sophisticated concepts.'

Advanced Bridge Contested Auctions Derrick Browne

There are 6 chapters and each chapter has 4 practice hands included.

Topics:

Chapter 1: Trial Bids

Chapter 2: Cue Raises

Chapter 3: Over their double

Chapter 4: Responsive doubles

Chapter 5: Michaels Cue Bids

Chapter 6: Over their pre-empt

Advanced Bridge Bidding for the 21st Century Max Hardy

'An up-to-date presentation of the two-over-one game forcing bidding system.'

WATSON'S CLASSIC BOOK ON THE PLAY OF THE HAND AT BRIDGE Louis H Watson

An oldie but recommended.